

**Governor Baldacci's**  
**Task Force Promoting Safer Chemicals in Consumer Products**  
Wednesday, January 24, 2007 12:30PM-3:30 PM  
Cross Office Building, Augusta, Maine  
HANDOUT AGENDA

**Work Group meetings**

12:30- 1: 50 PM

Chemical Policy-Rm 105: David Littell/Chair, Deb Rice, Steve Pinette, Mike Beliveau, Sharon Tisher

Information-Rm 105: Jim Dill/Kathy Murray Nick Bennett, Stacie Beyer, Dana Graham, Mindy

Green Chemistry-Rm 302: (3rd floor Cross Office Building)Thaxter Trafton/Chair, Mark Dobrovolsky, Sharon Tisher, Mike Belliveau, John Wise

**Full Task Force meeting in Room 105**

2:00-2:05 PM: Welcome and Introductions

2:05-2:50 PM: Presentation PBDE/decaBDE a case study: challenges for state staff tasked with researching and developing recommendations to the legislature on regulation of specific chemicals including a. lack of a public policy established framework to determine chemicals of more concern vs. less concern and b. proprietary information.

Dr. Deborah Rice is a Maine Center for Disease Control Toxicologist and member of the Task Force. Dr. Rice is a former toxicologist with Maine DEP and former senior toxicologist in the National Center for Environmental Assessment in the Office of Research and Development at USEPA. Dr. Rice has been the lead toxicologist for Maine CDC on recent decaBDE research that is included in the annual report on Brominated Flame Retardants submitted to the legislature.

John James is the Maine DEP Bureau of Remediation and Waste Policy Director. John is an attorney who has worked for state government for 20 years 16 of which have been with DEP. He has worked on department mercury products initiatives as well as brominated flame retardant initiatives. He coordinates legislative reports including research and legislative information.

Question and Answer.

2:55-3:25 Work Group reports to the Task Force (5 min report with 5 minute Q& A) for each subcommittee

3:25- 3:30 PM Next meetings

### **Task Force Promoting Safer Chemicals in Consumer Products and Services Duties**

The purpose of the Task Force is to identify and promote the use and development of safer alternatives to hazardous chemicals in consumer goods and services made, provided or sold in Maine so as to benefit public health, the environment and the economy for all Maine people. The specific duties of the Task Force are to:

- Survey relevant knowledge and activities related to promoting safer alternatives to priority chemicals in the areas of environmental public health policy development, green chemistry research and development, and economic incentives;
- **Develop recommendations for a more comprehensive chemicals policy that requires safer substitutes to priority chemicals in consumer products and creates incentives to develop safer alternatives, on a state and regional basis;**
- Develop recommendations on expanded consumer education, retailer education and training, supply chain information and public right-to-know in order to promote markets for safer alternatives;
- Develop recommendations for submission to the Maine Science and Technology Advisory Council on expanded research and development of safer alternatives to priority chemicals in consumer products, including investment in green chemistry research and development and the possibility of developing bio-based plastics from Maine-based agricultural and forest products.

### **Scope**

For purposes of this Executive Order, the term "priority chemicals" includes substances and their breakdown products including PBTs, very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB) chemicals, carcinogens, mutagens or reproductive toxins (CMRs), neurotoxins, and endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs) that have been demonstrated by biomonitoring studies to be present in human tissues and fluids, that are produced in high volumes or used in ways that may result in high exposures, or that pose generally equivalent concerns as determined by the state's qualified experts or by a body considered to be authoritative by such experts. Priority chemicals include, but are not limited to, toxic substances listed by the DEP in its programs that address toxic releases, air toxics and water toxics. For purposes of this Executive Order, "consumer products" means items or materials sold or distributed for residential or commercial use, but excludes those intended exclusively for industrial use.

### **Reports**

The Task Force shall submit an interim report to the Governor by November 30, 2006 and a final **report by October 1, 2007**. Each of these reports shall include recommendations, including proposed legislation, for safer chemicals policy development and consumer education and related information as required under Duties b.ii and b.iii in this section. The Task Force shall also submit interim recommendations by November 30, 2006 and final recommendations by October 1, 2007 to the Maine Science and Technology Advisory Council on expanded research and development opportunities as required under Duties b.iv in this section. Upon submission of the final report and the final recommendations, the Task Force shall dissolve.

Full Task Force	January 24	February 7	March 7	April 18	May 16	June 13	July – August 2 mts/mo	September 2 mts/mo	October 1
	<u>Presentation</u>  Deb Rice John James:PBDE.deca	<u>Presentation</u>  Tentative: Ken Cook; EWG on chemical body burden	<u>Presentation</u>  Environment Canada; Categorizing chemicals	<u>Presentation</u>  Michael Wilson Calif; legislative efforts	<u>Presentation</u>  REACH; <u>implementation</u> in Europe	<u>Presentation</u>  Interstate Chemical Clearinghouses	Drafting  Final Report	Final Draft	Final report due Oct 1  Task Force ceases
<u>Work Groups:</u>	Possible Work Group Topics: Work Groups will need to scope out								
Rm 105 CHEMICALS POLICY Chr. David Littell  <u>Focus:</u> Charge # ii. ;Closing the Safety Gap	Prioritizing Chemicals; List of carcinogens and PBTs to avoid for EPP	Chemicals of High Concern	Phase-Outs & Exemptions	Chemicals of Concern	Substitution Planning	Implementation Structure/Process	Drafting Final Report  Subcommittee recommendations  and language	Final draft	Final Report due Oct 1
Rm 105 INFORMATION Chr Jim Dill/Kathy Murray  <u>Focus:</u> Charge # iii. ;Closing Data Gap & EPP	How can we make data useful for Maine	Health & Safety Data Gaps	Supply Chain Issues  Public Education	Hazard Communi- cation	Labeling, warnings and RightToKnow	Database management	Drafting Final Report subcommittee  recommendations  and language	Final Draft	Final Report due Oct 1
Rm 302 GREEN CEMISTRY Chr Thaxter Trafton  <u>Focus:</u> Charge # iv.;Closing the Technology Gap, & Bio-based R&D  will not meet all months	Review relevant bond proposals	Review draft seed grant report on potato plastics	Review green chemistry R&D needs of university system	Review final seed grant proposal on potato plastics	Assess needs and next steps	Assess needs and next steps	Drafting Final Report Subcommittee recommendations and language  Subcommittee recommendations	Final Draft	Final Report due Oct 1

